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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English document is provided in an abstract attached to that document.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
09/210,545	12/14/98	2712
09/234,303	01/21/99	2712
09/333,748	06/16/99	2711
09/471,082	12/23/99	2712
09/791,544	02/26/01	2811
09/912,341	07/26/01	2882
09/929,037	08/15/01	2622
10/015,749	12/17/01	N.Y.A.

A copy of each cited application is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

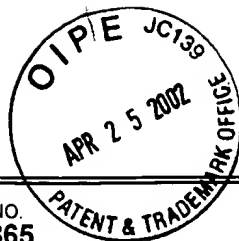
Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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FORM PTO 1449 (modified)				ATTY DOCKET NO. <b>03500.015865</b>		APPLICATION NO. <b>09/973,054</b>	
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  LIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT(S) (Use several sheets if necessary)				APPLICANT <b>TOMOYA YONEDA ET AL.</b>			
				FILING DATE <b>October 10, 2001</b>		GROUP <b>2621</b>	
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
		<b>JP 62-11264</b>	<b>01/20/87</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>
OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
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